

Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 43 - Health

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(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COUNTY" INCLUDES THE CITY OF BALTIMORE.

(C) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

(D) "PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN" MEANS THE VETERINARIAN DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(E) "RABIES" MEANS, IN MAN AND ANIMAL, HYDROPHOBIA, AN ACUTE VIRAL DISEASE OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM, USUALLY TRANSMITTED TO MAN THROUGH THE INJECTION OF SALIVA BY AN ANIMAL BITE.

(F) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

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(A) THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR THE GENERAL CONTROL OF RABIES, THE TREATMENT OF PERSONS EXPOSED OR SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO RABIES, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS NECESSARY FOR THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF RABIES. ANY DISTRIBUTION OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE REGULATION OF BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS.

(B) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS ARE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE PRE-EXPOSURE IMMUNIZATION, WITHOUT CHARGE, TO ANY PERSON DETERMINED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH VETERINARIAN TO HAVE A HIGH RISK OF EXPOSURE TO RABIES INFECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO BEAR THE COST OF THE RABIES TREATMENT GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE "PASTEUR TREATMENT" FOR ANY BITE VICTIM WHO REQUIRES THIS TREATMENT BUT IS UNABLE TO PAY THE USUAL CHARGES THEREFOR.

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